

In 1863, at the age of eighteen years, he left Ontario for British Columbia, coming by way of Panama. When he arrived at Victoria he obtained a position on the *Chronicle*, a newspaper conducted by Messrs. Higgins & McMillan. The *Chronicle* was finally merged into the *Colonist* and he then secured a position on the *Colonist*. In 1874 he left Victoria and went to Nanaimo where he established his present newspaper the *Free Press*. Until 1888 the *Free Press* was issued semi-weekly but on September 4th of that year it was changed to a daily. Mr. Norris is Liberal-Conservative in politics, but has not apart from his position as editor of his paper taken an active part in public matters. Through the columns of his journal he advocates what is for the best interests of Nanaimo and the welfare of the Province at large. He occupies positions on the boards of several corporations and is regarded as a shrewd business man. He is a member of the Order of Oddfellows, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and the Fire Brigade. In 1869 he married, Miss Gough, eldest daughter of Mr. Edwin Gough, of Nanaimo.

**Nowell, Reuben**, (Chilliwack), was born at Hermon in Penobscot county, Maine, U. S. A., on November 22nd, 1829. Mr. Nowell went to school in his native town and early in life commenced business as a tinsmith and cornice manufacturer. After spending several years at his trade in the east, Mr. Nowell "pulled up stakes" and went to California where he spent several years at the mines. Not being very successful he travelled northward as far as British Columbia, and settled at Chilliwack. In this Province also he tried his fortune at the mines, but without success. Mr. Nowell, therefore, decided that for the future he would devote all his attention to agriculture, and as the result of his labor possesses one of the finest farms in the Province. For many years Mr. Nowell has served as councillor and school trustee at Chilliwack.

**Oppenheimer, David**, (Vancouver), was born in the kingdom, of Bavaria, Germany, in 1834, and educated there. In 1848 in company with his brother Isaac he left home and came to America, settling first in New Orleans, U. S. A. In 1853 the brothers removed to Lafayette, where they engaged in business. After remaining a short time there they came west to the Pacific coast and